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All fired up

Academy's combat arms instructors aim to train

By **Amber Baillie**
Academy Spirit staff writer

The six combat arms instructors at the Academy's shooting range have their weapons knowledge down to a science, lock stock and barrel.

Running a range seven days a week and training approximately 10,000 people a year, these 10th Security

Forces Squadron experts do more than just teach Airmen and cadets how to shoot a firearm — they equip them with the knowledge, confidence and skill to defend the nation.

Situated in Jacks Valley, the range is used to train cadets to effectively use a Colt M16A2 rifle through the Combat Arms Training and Maintenance course and

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Military in Colo. aiding in post-flood recovery

Hundreds of cadets ready to assist

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel commended the efforts of active-duty and National Guard personnel supporting FEMA and Colorado emergency management officials as the state copes with the aftermath of last week's heavy flooding, Pentagon Press Secretary George Little said Monday.

Little said Hagel has supported Gov. John Hickenlooper's Sept. 13 request to establish a dual-status commander in the state.

Since then, Air Force Brig. Gen. Peter Byrne, joint staff director for the Colorado National Guard's

Joint Force Headquarters, and his force of nearly 560 Colorado and Wyoming National Guardsmen, have evacuated more than 2,100 residents.

National Guard officers designated as dual-status commanders have the authority to command federal and National Guard forces during a domestic response.

In the absence of the designation, federal troops operating under Title 10 authority report to one commander, and National Guard members serving under Title 32 state active duty authority report to another.

"Active duty forces, through the coordination and direction of U.S. Northern Command, are complementing these National Guard assets in the overall response to the flood relief efforts," Little said. "Seven helicopters from the 4th

Infantry Division at Fort Carson have been conducting search-and-rescue operations under immediate response authority."

Hundreds of Academy cadets are ready to assist, said Lt. Col. Charles Rinkevich, the Center for Character and Leadership Development's assistant director of integration and outreach.

"I've contacted the Colorado Department of Emergency Management with an offer to provide a few hundred cadets," he said. "We're prepared and ready to assist our community and state in any way we can."

Colorado Department of Emergency Management officials told Rinkevich flood mitigation efforts are in the recovery phase but they would contact him if more assistance is needed, Rinkevich said.

Despite dealing with rough

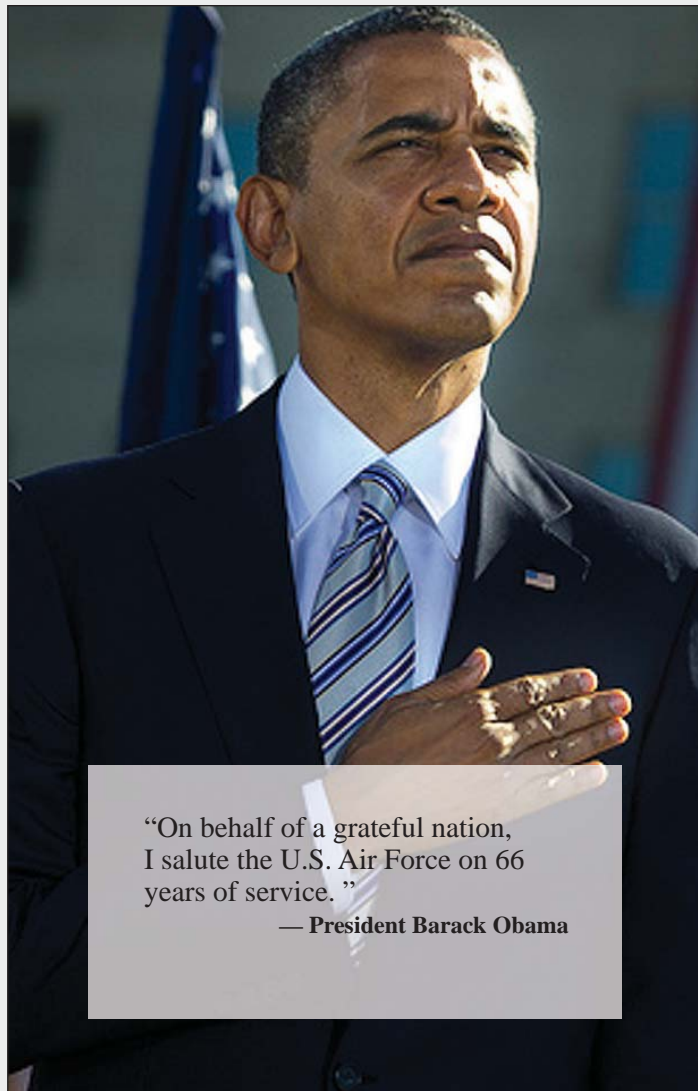
weather, the press secretary said, 4th Infantry Division soldiers have rescued more than 700 residents, including 85 elementary school students at a camp near Jamestown.

"This cooperative effort among active and reserve forces to protect lives in Colorado's flood-ravaged areas is a testament to the department's ability to provide critical and timely support to FEMA and first responders during a domestic crisis," Little said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with all of those impacted by the events in Colorado and we hope for the continued safety for all emergency response personnel involved."

Emergency workers reported the death toll to be eight as of Tuesday.

Buckley Air Force Base has been designated as a FEMA staging area.

President Obama to Air Force: Celebrate aviation legacy



“On behalf of a grateful nation,
I salute the U.S. Air Force on 66
years of service.”
— President Barack Obama

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Barack Obama
President of the United States

WASHINGTON — I send greetings to all those celebrating the 66th Birthday of the U.S. Air Force on Wednesday.

Since the earliest days of aviation, courageous Airmen have harnessed the power of flight to defend our freedom. On this occasion, we celebrate the men and women of the U.S. Air Force who carry this proud legacy forward. Whether in air, space or cyberspace, these patriots dedicate their lives to protecting us from harm, and they sacrifice of themselves to advance the cause of liberty.

Thanks to our Airmen — and every member of our Armed Forces — America is safer, stronger and more respected in the world. When disaster strikes, our Airmen are there, delivering lifesaving relief. And when the call to war sounds, they fly wherever they are needed; they fight with precision; and they win when our country depends on them most. Their committed professionalism and technological prowess make them the finest Air Force in the world, and their selflessness represents the very best of our union’s enduring values.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I salute the U.S. Air Force on 66 years of service. May God bless and protect you and your loved ones, and may God bless the United States of America.



LUIS JIMENEZ

Air Force celebrates 66th birthday

By acting Secretary of the Air Force Eric Fanning, Air Force Chief of Staff Mark Welsh III and Air Force Chief Master Sgt. James Cody
Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — On the 66th birthday of the U.S. Air Force, we salute the dedicated Airmen who provide airpower for America.

From 1947 to today, Airmen have accomplished our service’s core missions — air and space superiority, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; rapid global mobility, global strike and command and control.

We have evolved into a service that carries out missions through air, space and cyberspace — but our core missions have remained constant.

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Airmen have been — and continue to be — the strength of our service. The U.S. Air Force was forged

by air power legends with names like (Capt. Lance) Sijan, (Sgt. John) Levitow, (former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. David) Jones and (Col. George “Bud”) Day.

These heroes and many others made history, and their legacy continues as today’s Airmen write the history of this generation. Decades from now, the names of Airmen among us today will be as familiar as the names of the earlier heroes we celebrate.

America depends on the Airmen who provide global vigilance, global reach and global power, and our remarkable total force of active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian Airmen has never failed to answer the nation’s call.

Please join us in proudly celebrating the 66th birthday of the U.S. Air Force. As always, we sincerely thank you and your families for all that you do.

(The U.S. Air Force was formed as a separate branch of the military Sept. 18 1947 under the National Security Act of 1947. Jones died Aug. 10 at age 92. Day died July 27 at 88.)

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Readiness hinges on workforce diversity, DOD official says

By Terri Moon Cronk
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — The Defense Department’s commitment to equity and inclusion today is rooted in the belief diversity gives the military a strategic advantage, a senior DOD official said Sunday.

“Your military remains the most effective fighting force on the globe,” said Army Lt. Gen. Michael Linnington, military deputy to the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness. “We recognize diversity goes well beyond race and gender and we rely on the diverse backgrounds, perspectives and expertise of our people to successfully respond to the many complex challenges of the 21st century national security landscape.”

The DOD appreciates that it stems from a rich tapestry of America, he said. “And we believe our all-volunteer force is better when it reflects the nation it serves,” Linnington said.

Linnington said as diversity progress continues, women and minorities in the military continue to make “tremendous contributions” in roles critical to national defense.

“But actions speak louder than words,” he said, citing the DOD’s January rescinding of the policy excluding women from serving

in direct combat roles.

“This is a huge step for our armed forces,” Linnington said. “Today, nearly 200,000 women serve — and make up nearly 15 percent of the force. Under the new policy, the DOD will ensure the mission is met with the best qualified and most capable people, regardless of gender.”

For women in uniform, the opening of combat roles is a chance to meet new challenges and pave the way for future leadership success, he said.

“Our military workforce has grown to about 35 percent minorities and 15 percent women, with minorities comprising about 29 percent of our civilian workforce and women over a third of our civilians,” Linnington said.

Yet, while the DOD celebrates its progress, work remains to be done, he said.

“When groups of diverse talent gather together, we learn a great deal from one another and build relationships that carry us into the future,” Linnington said.

He also said the DOD gives people the opportunities to develop leadership skills that cannot be found anywhere else.

“Every individual here is in a unique position to help us address many of our challenges and help us build a more diverse and inclusive total force that not only possesses the diverse back-

grounds and experiences to conquer global challenges, but also reflect the changing face of our nation,” Linnington said.

National Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrated Sept. 15 - Oct. 15, provides an excellent opportunity for the DOD to take time to recognize the contributions made by the nation’s Hispanic-Americans and reflect on diversity and inclusiveness, Linnington noted.

Diversity is critical at the U.S. Air Force Academy as well, as the institution works to produce lieutenants for the nation, said Jack Wilks, the Academy’s interim chief diversity officer.

“Workforce diversity is very important to the Air Force, however, diversity as representation will move an organization only so far,” Wilks said. “The DOD and Air Force must be cognizant of other important concepts and ensure diversity management is practiced by all senior leaders. Only then can leaders and managers move their organization across the continua from simple representation to greater inclusion.

“With greater inclusion, the recognition and respect for the variety of human differences can then be leveraged to accomplish the mission,” he added.

For more information, visit the Diversity Office’s website at www.usafa.edu.

Pentagon:
Budget uncertainties
still hold sway

By Karen Parrish
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — As the end of the fiscal year approaches, Pentagon Press Secretary George Little told reporters Sept. 13 “this unprecedented period of budget uncertainty” continues to hamper Defense Department plans and operations.

“We’re working closely with the Office of Management and Budget to determine what our requirements might be going into (fiscal year 2014),” he said. The department also is working closely with Congress, Little said.

“We’re fully aware that we need to work through this — the continuing resolution negotiations are underway, and we need to hopefully get to resolution on all of this very soon,” he said.

Little said he doesn’t know what the particulars of a new continuing resolution will be, should Congress pass one. A continuing resolution is a stop-gap funding measure, passed to keep government departments functioning at current levels when Congress doesn’t pass or the president doesn’t sign a formal appropriations bill.

“We would hope that it’s a continuing resolution that helps us continue to support our important defense mission,” he said.



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Freshman receives national award from Civil Air Patrol

By Don Branum
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

It's a bit easier to spot Cadet 4th Class Sara Fishbein these days: she's the one with a brand new feather in her cap.

The Civil Air Patrol recently named Fishbein, a native of Dayton, Ohio, the top CAP cadet in the nation.

"I found out during Basic (Cadet Training)," she said. "I found out as soon as I got back from basic that CAP had coordinated with the Academy and was actually going to let me travel to the event."

Fishbein joined the CAP when she was 13 because she believed the Air Force Academy considered CAP experience on applications, she said.

"I ended up completely falling in love with the program," she said. "CAP kept me really focused and headed in the right direction."

Retired Gen. Stephen Lorenz, a 1973 Academy graduate and head of the USAFA Endowment, was the guest speaker at the award ceremony. Several other Academy alumni also attended.

"It was my first time talking to Academy graduates outside of the Academy since coming here," Fishbein said. "It was really neat, seeing where I could potentially be in 10 or 15 years."

She said highlights of her CAP experience included a trip to Australia for an International Air Cadet Exchange and a Pararescue orientation course at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

"I got the chance to meet (Defense Secretary) Leon Panetta when he was the director of the CIA — just a number of super-cool opportunities," she said. "But I also spent a lot of time in my local squadron and worked through some of the leadership positions there."

Those leadership positions prepared Fishbein to take an active role in her squadron, said Lt.



"(The Civil Air Patrol) was an extremely invaluable program to me. I know I was super-grateful to all the mentors I had, especially the ones from the Air Force and the Academy."

— Cadet 4th Class Sara Fishbein

Col. DeAnna Franks, air officer commanding for Cadet Squadron 17.

"In a very short time, Fishbein has set the bar high for all four degrees in CS-17 and other squadrons in the wing," Franks said. "Her impressive Civil Air Patrol background and her experience attending a preparatory school comes across in her every move in squadron military training, inspections and physical tests. I'm excited to see where her future Air Force journey takes her."

Fishbein keeps in touch with her former squadron-mates, many of whom are active-duty Airmen now, she said.

"Some are in ROTC, some are here and at the other military academies, and some are kicking butt in the civilian world," she added.

She said she plans to continue her involvement with CAP. The Air Academy Cadet Squadron meets regularly on base.

"If I'm a pilot, it'll be pretty tricky to have any kind of significant involvement for a few years,"

she said. "But it was an extremely invaluable program to me. I know I was super grateful to all the mentors I had, especially the ones from the Air Force and the Academy. I would pick their brains on everything ... they answered a lot of questions for me and provided good examples."

Nominees for the cadet of the year award are first selected to compete at the squadron level. Squadron selectees compete through 52 CAP wings, then in one of eight geographic regions. Those eight finalists meet a national review panel.

CAP provides roughly 10 percent of the Academy's cadets, according to the organization's fact sheet. It conducts roughly 90 percent of Air Force search-and-rescue operations within the U.S. and offers orientation flights in both powered and glider aircraft. CAP is open to anyone 12 years old and older.

More information on the Air Academy Cadet Squadron is available at www.coloradowingcap.org.

Welsh champions communication, airpower in Air Force update

By Staff Sgt. David Salanitri
Air Force Public Affairs Agency

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh III discussed airpower and the service's warfighting capabili-

ties across its core missions at the Air Force Association's 2013 Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition here Tuesday.

Welsh presented the Air Force update on the second day of the three-day, 55-session conference

covering various topics pertaining to the total force.

He described what the Air Force must do to remain dominant in air, space and cyberspace domains and noted the service's 690,000 members performing air-related duties compared to the Navy's 70,000 personnel, the Marines' 39,000 and the Army's 34,000.

"There is one Air Force in America, and you're in it," Welsh said. "If the combatant commander wants airpower, there's only one number to call."

Welsh also addressed the issue of readiness, especially in light of current budget constraints.

"We have to minimize the impact where we can — it's not going to be good," he said.

The general acknowledged other impacts to the force, including scale-backs to exercises and weapons schools but said he remains confident in Airmen.

"Our force is better educated than it has ever been and we need to empower our Airmen — they're remarkably capable."

Welsh encouraged the use of social media to facilitate two-way communication and buffer against communication pitfalls such as "stove-piped information."

"Chief (Master Sgt. of the Air Force James) Cody and I are on Facebook and Twitter, which is terrifying," Welsh said over laughter. "Follow us."

Welsh said the newest "Global Vigilance, Global Reach and Global Power for America" document is

internally focused and designed to help Airmen understand their role in the broader scheme of the Air Force. He also described Air Force 2023, an effort in progress to incorporate resources and strategy.

"Then we start turning the ship and heading to whatever that picture of 2023 looks like," Welsh said.

With budget woes casting a haze of uncertainty on the future, the general called the furlough "a breach of faith" that he hopes does not occur again. He acknowledged the challenges of Air Force civilians who have been without pay raises for three years.

Welsh also expressed concern about retaining the Air Force's best Airmen, specifically pilots, as training hours dwindle and units are grounded.

"Our rated force has options," Welsh said. "They served well and now they have choices to make. If we're not letting them keep their edge, they'll walk."

The Air Force's recapitalization priorities include the KC-46 tanker, the F-35 Lightning II and the long range-strike bomber — all critical in engaging with a determined, well-armed, well-trained opponent, the general said.

Welsh said when people ask him if he worries about the Air Force's future, the response is simple.

"The answer is no — I'll never worry," he said. "Not while (they) are on our side," Welsh said of several Airmen he asked to join him on stage. "This is our Air Force."



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Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh III presents the annual Air Force Update keynote address at the Air Force Association's 2013 Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition Sept. 17, in Washington. During his speech, Welsh gave an update on the Air Force's current status, capabilities and issues ahead.

Academy to celebrate Cadet's Chapel's 50th anniversary

By 1st Lt. Brandon Baccam
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

The Academy will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of its Cadet Chapel Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the chapel.

"The celebration will highlight not only the legacy of those responsible for building this facility, but will also highlight the religious plurality of America's demography and the Air Force Academy's demography today," said Academy Chaplain Col. Robert Bruno, who will preside over the event.

Special guests include Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Michelle Johnson and Air Force Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Howard Stendahl, the celebration's keynote speaker.

"I am absolutely delighted that they are going to be here," Bruno said. "It's recognition from their official positions, as the Acad-

emy superintendent and the Air Force chief of chaplains, of the importance of the free exercise of religion in the lives of our officer corps and in the mission of producing second lieutenants for the Air Force."

Cadets will read proclamations from Congress, the Colorado Legislature and the Colorado Springs City Council, recognizing the milestone.

The El Paso County Board of Commissioners honored the anniversary with a proclamation earlier this month.

"The 17 soaring spires of the Cadet Chapel are recognized worldwide as symbols of the strength, faith and resolve of the U.S. Air Force," State Commissioner Darryl Glenn said Sept. 10.

The chapel is 150 feet tall, 280 feet long and 84 feet wide. It features 17 spires and is made of aluminum, glass and steel.

Recognized as Colorado most popular man-made tourist attraction, the Cadet Chapel hosts 500,000 to 1 million Academy visitors annually. The facility received the American Institute of Architects' National Twenty Five Year Award in 1996 and was also named a U.S. National Historic Landmark in 2004.

Bruno said the Cadet Chapel recognizes the religious plurality of Air Force officers of past and future generations.

"It is also a recognition of the importance religion in America's public life has played in the past, plays today, and will continue to play in the future," he said.

The event is free and open to the public. Service dress for military guests and business attire for civilians is encouraged.

A reception with refreshments will immediately follow the celebration on the south end of the Cadet Chapel.

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Soaring program carries long-term benefits

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff writer

Ask most pilots how they feel about landing an aircraft with no engine, and you might get some dirty looks, but cadet instructor pilots in the Air Force Academy's soaring airman-ship program take it in stride.

Experienced cadets make decisions every day about ensuring student pilots' safety, meeting training requirements and generating sorties, which can number more than 30,000 per year, said Lt. Col. Jack Julson, commander of the 94th Flying Training Squadron, which supports soaring operations at the Academy.

"I find it incredible how much the soaring instructor pilots develop over their three years with us not only as teachers but especially as leaders," Julson said. "They are challenged with making the tough choices about a \$160,000 aircraft or whether to solo a student."

Seniors fill cadet leadership roles within the squadron, which closely mirrors the structure of operational Air Force flying squadrons, Julson said. They lead roughly 140 fellow cadet instructor pilots and more than 100 students supervised and monitored by veteran Air Force aviators.

Instructor pilots' roles are not only to teach student pilots but also to



Cadet 3rd Class Adam Marcinkowski takes off on his first solo flight in a TG-16A glider at the Air Force Academy Airfield Wednesday.

serve as role models, said Cadet 1st Class Drew Burns, captain of the Academy's Sailplane Racing Team.

"Our commander's guidance is to be credible, approachable and humble," Burns said. "We have to know the rules and be that calm, cool, collected person in the cockpit with them. We're there to improve their flying ability and hone their decision-making skills."

The squadron's operational structure prepares cadets for their Air Force careers, Burns said.

"Having a training officer, a standardization and evaluation officer — these things are incredibly applicable," Burns said.

Cadets who demonstrate talent in the soaring airmanship program can participate in advanced soaring, which includes the Sailplane Racing Team and the Aerobatics Team, said Cadet 2nd Class Joshua Wil-

son, who's on the Aerobatics Team.

"It's a great bonding experience, to go out and compete," said Wilson, who will join his teammates this weekend in Dennison, Texas. "We want to exemplify the Air Force core value of Excellence in All We Do: We want to go out there and say, 'This is what we do, and we're really darn good at it.'"

The teams' past performances demonstrate their talent and dedication. The Academy took second and third place in an aerobatic competition here in April; engineer and long-time soaring pi-

lot Dr. Klein Gilhousen took first. Meanwhile, the Sailplane Racing Team has logged more than 21,000 miles so far in 2013, on a pace to eclipse the 30,000-mile record it set in 2012.

"The last two years have been the best in Air Force Academy history for the soaring program," Burns said. "We're among the top 12 percent in the world with just 10 cadets and five gliders."

Wilson said the airmanship experience has been a positive one.

"Participating in the airmanship program is the best thing that you can do as a cadet," he said. "I don't think I've ever met someone who comes down here to the airfield and regrets it."



Cadet 3rd Class Adam Marcinkowski receives glider wings from Cadet 2nd Class Joshua Wilson after completing his first solo flight Wednesday at the Air Force Academy Airfield.

Cadet 2nd Class Joshua Wilson hooks a tow cable onto a TG-16A glider flown by Cadet 3rd Class Adam Marcinkowski at the Air Force Academy Airfield Wednesday. The flight was the first solo for Marcinkowski, who is assigned to Cadet Squadron 30.



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DON BRANUM

Instructor opportunities now open at service academies

By Debbie Gildea
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

JOINTBASESAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas (AFPC) — Eligible active duty officers interested in U.S. Air Force Academy instructor opportunities have until Sept. 30 to apply, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

"This special duty assignment is a controlled, three-year maximum tour and officers must be released by their AFPC core officer assignment team to compete," said Sophia Barnard, AFPC Air Force Academy Faculty Assignments chief.

To be eligible, officers must be first lieutenants through lieutenant colonels with three or more years of time on station between June 1 and Dec. 1, 2014.

If overseas, applicants must be eligible to return from overseas between May and December 2014.

Eligible officers may apply for dean of faculty, preparatory school and athletic department positions. Limited positions at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. and the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., are also available.

"As expressed in the Academy mission state-

ment, this is a great opportunity for officers interested in educating, training and inspiring men and women to become officers of character," Barnard said.

Applications, due to the AFPC Staff and Special Duty Assignment Branch, must include a completed Air Force Form 3849, PME/AFIT/RTFB Officer Worksheet. AFPC will notify officers selected by Jan. 30, 2014.

For more information on Academy instructor opportunities, visit <https://mypers.af.mil>, search for Academy opportunities or enter "14055" in the search window.

AF sexual assault prevention director visits Academy

Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff writer

The director of the Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office visited the Air Force's Academy Sept. 12 to meet with air officers commanding, Academy military trainers and focus groups of cadets from each class, as well as Academy SAPR team members and survivors of sexual assault.

Maj. Gen. Margaret Woodward visited the Academy as part of a three-day trip that included stops at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., and Peterson AFB to learn about the climate from people at unit levels.

"We've got to figure out, what's the 'ground truth'? What's going on out there?" Woodward said. "The focus groups were the very first thing that we thought to do — go out there and find out from Airmen's perspective, at the wing level, what's going on."

The Academy operates differently from most Air Force bases, Woodward said, but some features of Air Force climate are universal.

"We have to take a look at what you're dealing with here, day in and day out," she said. "That's why we're here: we're trying to get your perspective on what the issues are and what you think the solutions are."

The general recalled a conversation with Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Larry Spencer in June before she took over the Air Force's SAPR program. She told him she didn't know how to solve the problem of sexual assault in the Air Force. Neither did anyone else, Spencer told her. He needed her help to find it.

"So I saluted smartly and said, 'Got it,'" Woodward said, "and for the last three months I haven't slept through the night thinking about this topic and thinking about what we should do."

The office is increasing in size from four people to 32, though only 25 are in place at the moment, Woodward said. The finished team will include mental health experts, special agents from the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, sexual assault response coordinators, victim advocates, Airmen from operational career fields and a chief master sergeant with first sergeant experience.

"As I talked to experts, they said the best approach in the civilian world is a multifunctional team that's focused on the effort," she said. "What I'm trying to do is build a cross-discipline team."

For information on the Academy's SAPR program, visit the SAPR Web page at www.usafa.edu/Commandant or call 333-9578.



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Maj. Gen. Margaret Woodward speaks to air officers commanding at the Air Force Academy Sept. 12. Woodward, the director of the Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, met with focus groups at the Academy, Peterson Air Force Base, and Minot AFB, N.D., to learn the "ground truth" of the climate at each of the bases.

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Cadets help one another climb a mud hill during the mud obstacle competition Sept. 12 in Jacks Valley. The event was one of many challenges cadets faced during the 2013 Commandant's Challenge Weekend.



CADET 1ST CLASS
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A cadet aims a firehose at a target during a Firefighter Combat Challenge at the Air Gardens Sept. 12. The event is one of many comprising the 2013 Commandant's Challenge Weekend at the Academy.



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U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY BAND
Staff Sgt. Ryan Manzi strikes a chord during a Blue Steel performance for 200 honor roll students at Panorama Middle School Sept. 11. Blue Steel is the U.S. Air Force Academy Band's pop ensemble.



CHRISTINE DAVIS
Runners beat feat on the Santa Fe Trail here during the Academy half-marathon and 10k run Sept. 14. Nearly 250 runners registered for the event. Mike Stevens won the 10k with a time of 40 minutes 22 seconds. Allison McLaughlin won the half-marathon with a time of 1 hour 26 minutes 45 seconds.



SAM LEE
A Boy Scout gets his fingerprints taken at the 10th Security Forces Squadron here Wednesday. The 10th SFS hosted the evening tour for the Boy Scouts who were treated to a patrol car display, a "stranger danger" discussion and a tour of the Military Working Dog kennel, among other highlights.

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Instagram photo of the week

Here's the Instagram photo of the week: User @janilionaire sent in this photo of Roadrunner cookies taken by a Cadet Squadron 32 upperclassman. We look forward to highlighting your Instagram photos in upcoming editions of the **Academy Spirit**. If you would like to have a photo published, upload it to Instagram using #YourAcademy.



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Education benefits can be transferred after 6 years of service

By Debbie Gildea
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS) — Eligible Airmen may be able to transfer their Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits to a family member, but should not wait until retirement, separation or until their dependent children are ready for college, Air Force officials said.

Because the Air Force program is tied to retention, only those on active duty after Aug. 1, 2009 are eligible to transfer benefits.

Airmen must also have at least six years of active duty or selected reserve service on the date of election and serve four additional years.

“The old reduced-service commitment periods expired July 31, and now everyone who applies for transfer of benefits will incur a four-year, active-duty service commitment,” said Bruce Houseman, the Air Force Personnel Center’s Education Services and Benefits chief.

Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits vary in amount depending on an Airman’s aggregated service after the initial eligibility date of Sept. 9, 2011.

Airmen who want to use the benefit for their education have 15 years after retirement or separation to do so.

“Airmen have a tremendous opportunity in the provision to transfer their GI Bill benefits to their dependents,” Houseman said. “A college education is an enormous expense, so Airmen who take advantage of this benefit can save thousands of dollars.”

Airmen who wish to transfer all or some of their benefits should understand the application process and ensure they accomplish required tasks on time. In most instances, they just need to log into the Virtual Military Personnel Flight to complete the statement of understanding;

some enlisted Airmen may be required to extend or re-enlist before they can sign the statement of understanding.

If an Airman requires retainability, vMPF will display those requirements for them to print and take to their personnel section.

Enlisted Airmen do not have to wait until they are within 90 days of their separation date to extend or re-enlist under the transfer of education benefits program.

Benefits are transferred in monthly increments, so an Airman with 36 months of education benefits can transfer all 36 months to a single dependent, transfer benefits equally among all dependents or even transfer only a month to each, if they choose. As long as the transfer occurs before the Airmen separates or retires, they can adjust the number of months each dependent receives if something in their life changes.

“If you transfer all your benefits to one child and that child chooses to not use them - for whatever reason - you won’t be able to transfer them to anyone else once you separate or retire from the Air Force,” Houseman said. “Your only option will be to retrieve your benefits and use them yourself, which you can always do later anyway. If you want to make sure one of your dependents can later use the benefit, we suggest you transfer at least one month to each dependent.”

Eligible Airmen can apply to transfer their education benefit through the Mil-Connect website, or through vMPF self-service actions section, accessible on the Air Force Portal.

“If you decide to apply, remember that all actions including submitting the signed statement of understanding must be accomplished within 30 days of applying,” Houseman said.

For more information, visit myPers at www.mypers.af.mil to view the Transfer of Post 9/11 GI Bill Education Benefits Guide.

Promotion rates to drop for colonels

By Staff Sgt. David Salanitri
Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Air Force officials decreased the promotion opportunity to the rank of colonel to 48 percent for November’s Colonel Line of the Air Force Central Selection Board.

Since 1989, the promotion opportunity to colonel for line officers has been 50 or 55 percent; however, during the last colonel’s board, the Air Force discovered it was creating too many new colonel-selects, which caused many to wait longer to pin-on, said Col. Dawn Keasley, the chief of Military Force Policy Division.

This also created a greater likelihood the Air Force would continue using selective early retirement boards beyond fiscal year 2014 to accommodate the size of the future force, which could be smaller, she said.

With this realization, the Air Force re-examined colonel requirements and developed a new five-year promotion plan to manage the field grade officer force and develop the promotion board schedule, Keasley said.

With the changes set to take place, the Air Force will now use 1 percent instead of the previous 5 percentage point increments to accurately ensure the inventory of colonels matches the requirements for colonels.

The goal of this is to keep pin-on dates for in-the-promotion-zone promotees, also called the colonel promotion phase point, at 22 years of commissioned service, she said. This will also ensure promotion boards have a fairly consistent annual schedule.

With the reduction in promotion opportunity, Air Force officials also reduced the definitely promote allocation rate from 25 percent to 15 percent.

As a result, senior raters and management levels will have fewer DPs to allocate and the central selection board will select a higher percentage of officers with “promote” recommendations, Keasley said. According to previous analysis, this will provide a slightly higher quality pool of colonel selects.

The lieutenant colonels in the 1993 commissioned year group will be in the promotion zone for the November board.

The promotion quotas for below-the-promotion-zone selections have not changed and remain at 15 percent of the board quota, she said.

The 48 percent promotion opportunity and 15 percent definitely promote allocation rate apply only to this November’s Colonel LAF Central Selection Board, Keasley said.

The promotion opportunity and DP allocations for subsequent LAF colonel boards will be announced in advance of each board.

Air Force officials will complete analysis and promotion plans for the rest of the LAF grades and the other competitive categories within the next several weeks, Keasley said.

Instructors

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teach active-duty members how to fire the M4, Beretta 9mm pistol, M203 grenade launcher, M249 automatic rifle and the M240 Bravo machine gun when they deploy.
“It’s a really personable job,” said Combat Arms instructor Staff Sgt. Ryan Hinze. “If we mess up on the range and teach them something wrong, it’s a matter of life and death. We have these people’s lives in our hands so we have to be very passionate, professional and knowledgeable”
Rain or shine, service members — and on some occasions, even civilians — from the Academy, Cheyenne Mountain Air Station, Schriever Air Force Base, Peterson AFB, and Buckley AFB train regularly at the range. Reservists and cadets from the combat shooting team, Global Engagement training and Expeditionary Survival and Evasion Training also utilize the range.
“We’re a unique CATM shop because all the bases in the area train here,” Hinze said. “We’re also the only combat arms shop in the Front Range that carries weapon parts, so we maintain weapons from other bases too.”
Cadets spend eight days at the range during Basic Cadet Training. Approximately 1,100 attended training this year.
“A lot of them are only 17, 18 years old and have never touched a weapon,” Hinze said. “I like teaching people who have never han-

dled a weapon, because for someone who has, they’ve already created bad habits. If you’ve never shot a rifle, I can just show you the right way to use it instead of having to help you break those habits.”
Students at the range include basic cadets, generals and the enlisted force. Hinze said they’ve tried to shrink their class sizes to allow more time for students and instructors to interact.
“Our top priority is safety,” Hinze said. “It’s a live weapon with live ammunition, so we have to be firm and make sure everyone stays safe no matter the rank of the person.”
Combat Arms instructor Staff Sgt. Nasun Rocker said weapons qualifications have changed during the past three years.
“The course of fire is different,” he said. “You only have a certain amount of ammunition and fewer targets to be able to qualify on the weapon. There is more close-quarters shooting. It’s a lot more realistic because statistically in Iraq and Afghanistan your fire fights are anywhere between seven to 50 meters.”
Rocker said the instructors also teach service members to be self-reliant with their weapons.
“We’ll set up the weapon so that



Senior Master Sgt. Dean Miller (left) gets his target analyzed by Combat Arms instructor Staff Sgt. Nasun Rocker, while Combat Arms instructor Staff Sgt. Ryan Hinze chats with Capt. Doug Newborn (right) at the Academy Firing Range Wednesday.

CAROL LAWRENCE

it jams or malfunctions,” Rocker said. “Then shooters can be more interactive with the weapons, and they’re forced to figure out what they need to do to get themselves back in the fight.”
Rocker said a lot of times Airmen who are about to deploy for the first time haven’t used a firearm since basic training.
“We’ll see people who haven’t touched a firearm in a while and are able to get in good practice, qualify, and you see how happy and confident they are with the weapon,” Rocker said. “It’s a very satisfying part of the job.”
A new building will be added between the range’s armory and classroom, Rocker said.
“Instead of us having to bring our weapons from the armory to them, service members can learn how to arm up in a proper way, opposed to having the weapons just handed to them in the classroom. When they head downrange they’ll go to an armory to get their weapon.”
The range trains approximately 1,000 service members each month. The instructors run the range, maintain the firearms and manage the armory.
“It’s a very professional group for the amount of work we have,” Rocker said. “We like what we do and make sure the job is done well and right.”

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- Mama __, rock singer
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- Yellow edible Indian fruit
- Arabian Gulf
- Lucci’s Kane character
- Minstrel poet
- Huxley’s fictional drug
- Atom-bombed
- Strangenesses
- Mortar’s crushing partner

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- A prince’s fortified building
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- A tractor-trailer
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- 2-wheeled transport

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41. Lymphatic throat tissue (1 of 2)

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Roll Call returns: Face-to-face communication encouraged

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Cody is bringing Roll Call back to the Air Force.

Roll Call is designed to deliver messages to the field from senior Air Force leadership for Airmen to use as a topic of discussion when they gather for daily or weekly meetings.

“Our Air Force has long valued each and every Airman,” writes Cody in the first Roll Call message. “Yet over time, we’ve gravitated to communication methods that easily fall short of the personal connection we need to solidify the value we place in each other.”

Cody said Roll Call is just one way he hopes to improve communication among Airmen at all levels.

“It’s not the solution to poor communication, but it is a step forward in the right direction,” he said. “Roll Call reminds us that we need to communicate with each other, and that doesn’t mean sending an email — it means getting together as a group and continuing a dialogue.”

Roll Call began in late 2006 under the direction of then Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley as weekly products Airmen could read during morning meetings or weekly gatherings. This time around, Roll Call will be a bit different. The Air Staff will send messages as needed — at least once a month — and all messages will have an overarching focus, Cody said.

“Airmen must understand how they are moving us toward the Air Force vision and how important they are to the Air Force mission,” he said. “The messages we deliver will help make that clear. They will focus on how Airmen are winning the fight, strengthening the team, and shaping the future.”

In his first Roll Call, Cody laid out his vision, reminding Airmen face-to-face communication is critical to future success.

“Roll Calls provide the venue to connect with your Airmen, which builds trust and confidence and ultimately strengthens the team,” he said. “Airmen have questions and concerns — we need to be there to provide answers and address these concerns. Airmen also have great ideas — we need to bring them to the forefront.”



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS STEPHANIE ASHLEY

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Cody speaks to Airmen July 12 at Minot Air Force Base, N.D. Cody spoke of Airmen and their dedication at the Air Force Association’s 2013 Air and Space Conference Wednesday.

Cody emphasizes power of Airmen

By Senior Airman Tabitha Haynes
Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Cody discussed why the strength of the Air Force lies in its Airmen at the Air Force Association’s 2013 Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition here Wednesday.

Cody presented his enlisted perspective on the final day of the three-day, 55-session conference covering various topics pertaining to the total force.

“This is what I like to talk about — our Airmen,” Cody said.

Cody cited examples of Airmen who display the tenacity and dedication required to persevere through the fight, among them Staff Sgt. Justin Lassiter, a maintainer from Kadena Air Base, Japan, who showed Cody how the Air

Force is blending a blade on an aircraft to save money.

The chief emphasized while Airmen around the world today are winning the fight, the need remains to assist them and their families in finding a healthy work-life balance.

“It comes down to this face-to-face communication we truly have to have,” Cody said. “We need to connect as Airmen, and we can only do that when we sit across the room from each other and really talk about what’s going on.”

Creating a healthy work-life balance by encouraging ways to relieve stress and connect with each other is going to ensure the Air Force retains the quality Airmen it has today, according to the chief.

“This is how we are going to continue to care for our Airmen, because we will know our Airmen,” Cody said. “That is why we are going to win the fight every single day.”

Some Airmen may be entitled to additional SRB money

By Debbie Gildea
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO -- RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS) — Enlisted Airmen who retrained into a career field with a selective re-enlistment bonus may be eligible for additional bonus money, even if they are now separated or retired from the Air Force.

Air Force officials are reviewing records of Airmen who over the past several years may have been paid less than they were authorized because of misinterpretation of the Air Force instruction governing re-enlistment bonuses, said Michael McLaughlin, Air Force Personnel Center re-enlistments chief.

“If you were in retraining status or approved for retraining within 30 days after an SRB ter-

mination or reduction announcement, and you re-enlisted for at least 36 months within 30 days of earning your 3-level in the new career field, you may have been paid the wrong bonus multiple, provided your retraining approval and re-enlistment were in the same zone,” he said.

Air Force officials notified more than 325 Airmen who may have been underpaid.

While Air Force personnel teams work to resolve the problem and identify Airmen potentially affected, Airmen who did not get an email notification should check their records and contact their local military personnel section to determine if they were affected, McLaughlin said.

“You will need your re-enlistment documents and course completion certificate when you meet with the personnel specialists, so be sure

to have those available,” advised McLaughlin. “Although there isn’t a deadline to complete the process, affected Airmen should take care of this as soon as possible. It could take up to 45 days to process the payment, so the longer you delay, the longer you will have to wait for the funds.”

Airmen can access their re-enlistment form via the virtual Military Personnel Flight, and those who have separated or retired will need to submit a DD Form 149, Application for Correction of Military Records, with their supporting documentation of re-enlistment documents and course completion certificates.

For more information, including full instructions and SRB lists, visit <https://mypers.af.mil>. Enter “25959” or “Additional SRB” in the search window.

Academy fencers win Nick Toth Open

By Athletic Communications

The Academy's Women Fencing Team won the Nick Toth Open at the Academy Sunday with several women's fencers taking top places.

In the Women's Senior Foil competition, Mary McElwee was a two-time champion in the senior and junior foil tournaments.

Madeleine Girardot took second in senior foil and Alisa Chernomashentsev tied for third place in seniors.

In the Senior Women's Saber, Alyssa Hofilena took second and Desirae Ionata tied for third place.

In the Junior Women's tournaments, Alyssa Hofilena took the gold in saber. In the finals for foil, McElwee won the championship title, Chernomashentsev was the runner-up and Girardot tied for third place.

Senior women's competition

In senior women's foil, the Falcons participated in two pools. Pool 1: Lauren Brooks, Waverly Hock and Mary McElwee. Pool 2: Madeleine Girardot, Alisa Chernomashentsev and Ashley Chung.

In the semi bout, Chernomashentsev took on Girardot in pool 2.

Chernomashentsev came out strong with a two-point lead, but Girardot would answer, causing a two-point tie in the first period. In the second period Girardot, who would not allow her teammate to score more than two touches, began answering touch for touch against Chernomashentsev. With 14 seconds left in the second period, Girardot scored a tie (14-14) and scored again just before time ran out for a 15-14 victory.

"I am happy with Alisa's performance today as this is her first tournament to represent the Air Force's Academy," said head coach Abdel Salem. "She showed good potential and we are happy to have her on the team."

In pool 1, McElwee went up against Albane Ricard (unattached) in the semi round. McElwee held the bout leading with 13-points to win the bout, 15-2.

In the gold medal bout, McElwee took on Girardot. Girardot scored the first touch at the top of the first period, but McElwee answered

just as quickly. The pair kept the bout close with no more than one touch apart. The first two periods ended with a 3-3 and 4-4 ties, respectively, as it appeared that the final period would end in a 7-9 deficit in McElwee's favor. With 20 seconds on the clock, McElwee pulled a two-point lead and with two seconds left, both fencers added one more touch each. But it was not enough for Girardot, as McElwee scored another as the time ran out and won the bout 12-9. McElwee won the senior women's foil title, Girardot was the runner up and Chernomashentsev tied for third place.

“Women foil finished strong taking first, second and third place,” Salem said. “You cannot do better than that. The three young ladies showed toughness, competitiveness and determination to win.”

The final placements in women's foil were McElwee, first, Girardot, second, Chernomashentsev, tied third, Hock, seventh, Brooks, 12th and Chung 13th.

The senior women's saber tournament consisted of a pool including Allison Egan, Desirae Ionata, Stephanie Sarabia and Alyssa Hofilena. Hofilena advanced to the final bout after receiving a bye and a 15-4 win versus teammate Ionata.

In direct elimination bouts, Hofilena fought a tough battle against Micah Akard from New Mexico, but lost 11-15. Hofilena finished the day in second place at her first Nick Toth Open. Egan was knocked out of the DE's after losing to Ionata, 8-15. Egan finished fifth, while Ionata tied for third place after going 15-8, 4-15. Sarabia lost in the first round, 7-15, and finished in seventh place.

Competing in the senior women's epee class were Jessica Steuber, Rachael Ferguson, Rachel Evans and



ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

Senior Falcon women's fencer Olivia Prosseda competes in the Nick Toth Open here Sunday. The Academy's women fencers won the open with several fencers taking first place.

Olivia Prosseda. The event had four pools going into direct elimination bouts in which the Air Force fencers competed. Prosseda advanced to the table 16 on a bye and then went 15-12. She advanced to the semi bout to compete against Jasmine Lambert from the Denver Fencing Club. Prosseda trailed Lambert by three points during the bout and lost it, 12-15. Prosseda finished the day in sixth place, Evans finished 16th, Steuber 21st and Ferguson finished tied for 24th place.

Junior women's competition

In the junior women's competition, Hofilena took the gold after going 15-7, 15-11 in saber. Rachael Ferguson finished in seventh place in epee.

Competing in junior women's foil, it was McElwee, Chernomashentsev, Girardot and Hock, who was the seventh-place finisher. In the semi bout, McElwee fenced Ricard (unattached) and quickly knocked out her opponent, 15-10. Girardot and Chernomashentsev battled in the semi as the match ended 15-12

in Chernomashentev's favor.

And then there were two, in the gold medal bout it was McElwee versus Chernomashentsev. At the start of the bout and with no touches made in the first 20 seconds of the first period, the referee advanced the bout to the second period as a result of non-combative activity. With half of the second gone, the score remained 0-0. Chernomashentsev scored a touch and McElwee quickly answered (1-1).

The two scored again and at the end of the second period the bout was tied 2-2. The pair started to go touch for touch in the third period until finally the bout ended 9-9, causing the fencers into overtime.

McElwee finished off her opponent in overtime 10-9 with 22 seconds on the clock to become the the junior women's foil champion. Chernomashentsev was runner up and Girardot took third place.

For information on the men's competition at the open, visit **www.goairforcefalcons.com**.



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Broncos run away with 42-20 win over Falcons

by Don Branum

Air Force Academy Public Affairs

Air Force kept pace with the powerful Boise State Broncos in the first half but ran out of gas in the second, allowing Boise State to stampede to a 42-20 win at Bronco Stadium Sept. 13.

The Falcons' defense stopped Boise State on two drives, including one fumble inside the Air Force 10 and an interception at the goal line, but the Broncos marched uncontested into the end zone on every other possession.

Neither team could stop the other in the first half, turning the game into an offensive shootout. Sophomore quarterback Jaleel Awini kept Air Force in the game during the first half with back-to-back runs of 16 and 20 yards to set up a 7-0 lead in the first quarter. He hit receiver Sam Gagliano in the second quarter with a 53-yard strike, moving the Falcons to a 10-7 lead on the leg of kicker Will Conant. Conant, a junior out of Edmond, Okla., has a perfect record so far this season.

The teams traded touchdowns, with Boise State running out the clock on its last drive of the first half to take a 21-17 lead going into the locker room. Their defensive adjustments at halftime ensured the Falcons wouldn't see the end zone again.

Air Force receivers dropped key passes in the second half, including a pass intended for Gagliano that Awini threaded between two Boise State defenders in the third quarter. The Broncos receiving unit had no such trouble: Joe Southwick went 27-of-29 on the evening, with his only interception coming from a pass that bounced off an Air Force defender's helmet and into the hands of Air Force's Christian Spears.

Air Force, trailing the Broncos 28-17, needed to turn the interception into a touchdown. The Broncos made sure they didn't get it, stopping

one of the nation's most prolific run offenses at the goal line and stuffing Ty McArthur for a 4-yard loss on third and goal. Conant made his second kick of the night to bring the Falcons within eight; if Air Force's defense could stop Southwick on Boise State's next drive, the Falcons could get back into the contest.

Instead, Southwick dissected the Air Force secondary, throwing passes of 33 yards and 20 yards before handing the ball off to Jay Ajayi for a nine-yard rushing touchdown. Ajayi's run gave the Broncos a 35-20 lead with less than five minutes to play.

Awini attempted to force a pass into coverage on Air Force's next possession. Boise State's Darian Thompson came away with the interception near midfield, setting up a 2-yard rushing touchdown by Ajayi that put the game away.

Air Force head coach Troy Calhoun said he was pleased with the progress he saw since the Utah State game Sept. 7 but that there's still a lot of room to improve.

"We had two drives inside the 20, and for us those need to be touchdowns, not field goals," Calhoun said. "But that's a credit to Boise State, too."

"They stopped us when they needed to, and that made the difference in the game," Awini said. "We're going to keep going, keep working hard. Air Force's season isn't over yet."

Air Force, now 1-2 (0-2 Mountain West), faces the Wyoming Cowboys at home for their next game. The Cowboys are likely to come into the game with chips on their shoulders after a close loss to Air Force in 2012: Wyoming head coach Wayne Christensen exchanged heated words with Calhoun after that game, accusing him of faking an injury to set up Kyle Pearson's go-ahead touchdown. Kickoff is scheduled for Sept. 21 at 8:15 p.m.



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Receiver Sam Gagliano, shown here playing against Colgate on Aug. 31, scored on a 53-yard pass from quarterback Jaleel Awini in the second quarter against Boise State Sept. 13.

QUICK LOOK

- **Falcon Talk Radio** – Falcon Talk with Troy Calhoun takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. during the 2013-14 season on KVOR AM 740.
- **Wyoming versus Air Force** – Kickoff is at Falcon Stadium Saturday at 8:15 p.m. The game will be televised on ESPN.



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North Gate Blvd. to close Sunday

North Gate Boulevard near Interstate 25 will close Sunday through Oct. 10 due to a Colorado Department of Transportation project to build a traffic circle at North Gate Boulevard and Interstate 25.
For more information, call 333-8445 or visit <http://1.usa.gov/16iGu1x>.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day

National POW/MIA Recognition Day events are scheduled to take place here today.
Reveille: 6:15 a.m.-7:15 a.m. outside the Honor Court. Robert Apodaca, the son of a MIA Airman, is the keynote speaker.
Academy Mobilization Assistant Brig. Gen. Brian Dominguez will give closing remarks.
For more information, call 333-3642 or 333-0739.

Chapel Events

Catholic Religious education: 10:15-11:30 a.m., Sundays.
50th Anniversary of the Cadet Chapel: 2 p.m., Sept. 22 in the Protestant Cadet Chapel. The event is open to the public.
For more information, call 333-2636.

Cadet Ice Arena

Birthday Parties: The Cadet Ice Arena can host birthday parties.
Ice Skating: Ice skating lessons are available at the arena until April 28. The cost is \$60 for a six week course.
Fall Family Skating Night: 7-9 p.m., Sept. 20
For more information on these or any other Cadet Ice Arena events, call 333-0229.

Schedule of Worship

Cadet Chapel

BUDDHIST
Thursday, 6:20 p.m., Sundays, 10 a.m.

PROTESTANT
Traditional Service: Sundays, 9 a.m.
Contemporary Service: Sundays, 11 a.m.

CATHOLIC
Mass: Sunday, 10 a.m.
Confession: Sunday, 9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 4:30 - 5:20 p.m. by appointment.

JEWISH
Friday, 7 p.m.

MUSLIM
Jumah Prayers, Friday, 12:30 p.m.

Community Center Chapel

CATHOLIC WORSHIP
Mass: Saturdays, 4 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.; Tuesdays-Fridays, 11:30 a.m.
Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3:00 p.m.
Formation Classes: For students in grades K-8. Sundays, 10:15-11:30 a.m., September - May.

PROTESTANT WORSHIP
Evangelical: Sunday, 10:15 a.m.
Gospel: Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

10th Medical Group classes

Doctors Holly Kennedy and Ed Peteroy offer classes Mondays from 1-2 p.m. in the 10th Medical Group’s Public Health conference room for Academy ID card holders.
Each class provides strategies for self-assessment and goal-setting.
• **Stress Management:** Monday
• **Weight Management:** Sept. 30
For more information, call 333-5546

Forensics Classic Tournament

The 51st Annual Academy Forensics Classic Tournament is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 27 through Sept. 29 in Fairchild Hall’s Exemplar Hall.
Saturday’s events are 7 a.m.-3 p.m.
The Academy debate team will compete against more than 300 participants from 30 institutions worldwide. The competition is free and open to Academy personnel with Cadet Area access.

Community Center Chapel gospel service

The Community Center Chapel gospel service will host its 19th Annual Musical Celebration 6:30 p.m., Oct. 12 at the Community Center Chapel.
The event features gospel choirs and praise teams from the local community. Refreshments will be served after the performance.
The theme of the celebration is “Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord, All Ye Lands.”
Sunday Celebration will feature a guest pastor at 11:30 p.m., Oct. 13. A potluck in the chapel annex will follow this service.
For more information, call 333-7627 or 213-6200.

Fall Festival

The Academy’s annual Fall Festival will take place at the Community Center Oct. 5 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
The festival features arts and crafts vendors, a meet and greet with the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department, food sales, youth activities, carnival games, pony rides, face painting, a petting zoo, a chance to register for prizes and the following events:
• **Outdoor Rec Winter Expo:** The event features a ski swap, used rental equipment sale and used bike sale. Ski rental fittings can be scheduled.
• **5k Fun Run:** 8 a.m., Bowling Center lot.
• **Three-on-three basketball:** 10 a.m., Community Center parking lot.
• **The Wendy Woo Band:** 11 a.m.

For more information, call 333-4709.

10th Force Support Squadron events

Intramural Basketball: Games begin in October with dates and times to be announced.

The league is open to Defense Department members and dependents 16 and older.
For more information, call 333-4078.
Halloween Zombie 5k Fun Run: Oct. 19, 9 a.m., at the Par Course.
Racers may run in costume. Prizes will be given for the first, second and third place best costumes for those 17 and younger and 18 and older.
For more information, call 333-4522.

Airmen & Family Readiness Center events

• **DAV Medical Records review:** Today and Oct. 25 by appointment.
• **Smooth Move Permanent Change of Station:** Thursday and Oct. 31 at 3 p.m.
• **New comers Briefing:** Thursday and Oct. 17 at 9 a.m.
• **Transition Assistance Program:** Today and Oct. 21-25 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Reservations are required.
• **Worldwide Day of Play:** Today, 4-6 p.m.
This is a free event to get children outdoors to play. The Falcon Youth Center has planned afternoon activities for Academy families.
For more information, call 333-4169.
Call 333-3444 to reserve a spot.
• **Mosaic Class:** Thursday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The fee is \$50 and includes material needed to make an erasable memo board for the home or office.
• **Resume Writing:** 9 a.m., Wednesday
• **Casualty Notification Training:** Oct. 8, 1 p.m.
• **Starting Your Own Business:** Oct. 9, 9 a.m.
• **Troops to Teachers:** Oct. 16, 11:30 a.m.
• **Family Child Care Provider:** The Family Child Care Office is accepting applications for those interested in becoming a licensed family child care provider or special needs care provider. For more information, call 333-7957.
• **Arts and Crafts Art Show:** 5:30-7 p.m., Nov. 6 at the Eisenhower Golf Course.
The Arts and Crafts Center is accepting entries in youth and adult categories, Oct. 18-30. Entries must be submitted by 5 p.m., Oct. 30. The competition showcases fine arts, crafts and photography.
For more information, call 333-4579 or visit www.airforcegallery.com.

Donate Blood

Academy Blood Drive

- 10 a.m-7 p.m.
- Sept. 23-25
- Room F-1, Fairchild Hall
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